

Minutes of the OCDA Summer Board Meeting

September 13, 2008

10 a.m.

Roush Hall, Room 336

Otterbein College

Note: BOLD RED print denotes action items.

I. Preliminary Reports

- Call to Order (Gayle Walker), 10:02 A.M.

Attending: Walker, Ayling, Munson, Vandock, Call, Jackson, White, S. Potts, Gabrielsen, Raber, Ruff, Jones, Paulson, Unger, Mathias, Ward, Vaughn, Gallagher, Wolfe, Davis, Blackley, Phillips, Gil

Unable to attend: Richardson, Cook, Groom, B. Potts, Zurkey, Bradley, Heil, Borden

- Introduction of new board members (GW)
 - Grant Cook, in addition to being the NW region chair, will also coordinate our Sponsorship/Endorsement Policy
 - Paul Jackson, new EC chair
 - James Vaughn, new webmaster
- Webmaster Report (James Vaughn)
 - displayed website to group via LCD projector
 - New features:
 - news feed – includes subscription options (email or reader) and ticker on home page
 - Google calendar – appears on website and is available to individuals to add events; individuals can subscribe to calendar and connect events with their own calendar; Google can send text messages to cell phones with reminders about events
 - repertoire lists from summer conferences
 - **We need pictures of board members whose pictures are not currently on the site**
 - Possible inclusion of discussion forum
 - We will create a link for people to seek a mentor – will link to Jim Gallagher
 - We will add links to member choirs sites (pending establishment of guidelines)
 - Custom search box
- OCDA Logo and TRIAD advertisement (GW)

Motion: To approve logo

Made by: Gallagher

Seconded by: Mathias

Action taken: Passed unanimously

Motion: To approve advertisement for TRIAD
Made by: Mathias
Seconded by: Phillips
Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Minutes (Andy Call)
 - OCDA Summer Board Meeting and General Business Meeting

Motion: To approve minutes
Made by: Ward
Seconded by: Vandock
Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Treasurers Report (Kent Vandock)
 - 5/3 Savings rate became too low to be viable, so Kent shifted balance to a 7-day CD at 2.75% - still allows relative fluidity
 - reviewed comparison of summer conference 2008 to 2007
 - the gap between income and expenditures for summer conference has been narrowing over the past several years, and stands at just over \$100 for 2008
 - Children's Honor Choir has continues to net income of over \$4000
 - We have some concern about a lowering number of members, which results in a lower income in membership dues transfer from national
 - Taxes will be much lower for 2008 than 2007
 - included a pie chart of where we spend our money
 - To date we have spent approximately \$1700 more than we have taken in, but we have very few remaining expenditures and anticipate membership dues income to make us break even or be a little ahead

Motion: To approve treasurer's report
Made by: Munson
Seconded by: Ward
Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Newsletter Report (Ron Blackley)
 - Advertising revenues will also come in this fall, so that will boost income figures as well
 - We have picked up two new advertisers – Soundwaves Recording and CMS Publishing
 - Articles needed from president, historian, secretary (board summary), conference coordinator, SC region chair, MIW R&S – due Monday

II. Old Business

- Mission Statement

The Ohio Choral Directors Association fosters and promotes choral singing that provides artistic, educational, cultural, and spiritual experiences for performers and audiences. Through advocacy, publications, performances, and workshops, OCDA supports conductors, composers, and singers in literature selection, rehearsal procedures, and vocal techniques conducive to performing the finest quality choral music at an exemplary level of artistry.

Motion: To approve mission statement (above)

Made by: Gil

Seconded by: Gabrielsen

Action taken: Passed unanimously

- “Local” clinician honorariums (GW)

- Discussion at summer meeting regarding whether honorariums should be paid to clinicians from Ohio led to studying the issue further. A subcommittee was formed of Bob Ward (chair), Jim Gallagher, and Randall Wolfe in consultation with the treasurer

- 2008 Summer Conference

- Wrap-up (Brian & Sara Potts)
 - Some notes from evaluations: positive about Joe Miller and other clinicians, good variety of performing ensembles, complaints about distance to Monday night concert, request for job posting/resume board (can we add this to the website?), request for honor choir schedule, request for option to observe honor choir rehearsal in lieu of another session when taking conference for graduate credit, as usual request for more time to engage with each other outside of sessions

Motion: To raise registration fees for summer conference 2009 by \$5 for all except students

Made by: Ayling

Seconded by: Vaughn

Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Exhibits (Tina Groom via GW)

- suggestions for improving foot traffic into exhibit area include creating flex sessions for people to choose what they prefer to attend and moving the repertoire notebooks into the exhibit area
- most exhibitors were generally happy, though some noted that the sheet music companies had great traffic while travel, boy choir, and harmony camp did not

- Honor Choir Report (Emily Gil)
 - report attached, including budget
 - Bob Ward will be replaced on committee with someone working with children's choirs currently

Motion: To approve honor choir report
Made by: Mathias
Seconded by: Gallagher
Action taken: Passed unanimously

Motion: To provide scholarships for honor choir participants for a total not to exceed \$3000 in perpetuity
Made by: Ward
Seconded by: Gabrielsen
Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Repertoire Notebook report (Ben Ayling)
 - keep working to update – available at any time to work on, stored at Otterbein (GW's office)
 - Could we keep recordings with notebooks? I-Pod Nano would be small enough to fit in the notebook and could make it easy to share. Or a list of websites where literature could be heard would provide the same benefit.

III. New Business

- Fiscal Year 2009 OCDA Budget

Motion: To approve budget as distributed electronically by Kent
Made by: Ward
Seconded by: Mathias
Action taken: Passed unanimously

Motion: To provide \$100 gift card for volunteer auditor of books; Vandock will handle
Made by: Mathias
Seconded by: Jones
Action taken: Passed unanimously

- Elections (Mark Munson)
 - we will be calling for nominations for President, Secretary, NE, SW, SC region chairs and will be posted in website and newsletter
- Women's Choir R & S position
 - position is open with Bonnie Sneed's departure; need suggestions – Philip Silvey (B-W), Sharon Grotto (UD), Jean Wolgemuth (Dublin)
- OMEA Clinicians (GW for Eric Richardson)

- continuing to explore the agreement; ER contacts clinicians and Roger Hall negotiates – we are pursuing Ann Howard Jones and Rene Clausen; Jones has agreed
- this is the first year of a two-year agreement
- request for ER to communicate with board via email to receive suggestions of clinicians
- OCDA Reading Sessions at OMEA (Ben Ayling)
 - reminder to start working to find new titles; deadline same as last year (October 15) – will be delivered via Excel spreadsheet
 - 4 titles for HS, 2 alternates; JH/MS, 2 with two alternates, vocal jazz – 1 (2), show choir – 1 (2), elementary – 5/2, boychoir – 3 (2), all others – 2 (2)
 - dates and times will be emailed by BA to R&S chairs
- 2009 Summer Conference Updates (Sara Potts)
 - looking for performing ensembles
- OCDA Workshops/Festivals/Events (R&S Chairs)
 - Robert Jones – Feb. 21 College Festival at Worthington United Methodist Church
 - Amy Ruff – continues to offer an alternative to Solo & Ensemble contest at Olentangy Schools, open to other local schools to participate, grades 6-9

IV. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn
Made by: Munson
Seconded by: Ward
Action taken: Passed unanimously @ 11:59 p.m.

FYI: Upcoming ACDA/OCDA/OMEA Dates

2009

OCDA Winter Board Meeting
 Saturday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.

OMEA Conference
 January 15-17, 2009, Columbus

ACDA National Conference
 March 4-7, 2009, Oklahoma City

OCDA Summer Board Meeting
 Monday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.

OCDA Summer Conference

June 22-24, Otterbein College

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OCDA Summer Conference

June 21-23, Otterbein College